

difference in the world. They feel it's the right thing to do.

Q: The economy is either in a recession or close to a recession. Have you seen any indication of that in your business? Or is coffee one of those products that consumers regard as a necessity?

Stiller: It is a necessity. People enjoy it. It's part of their life. It's an energizing experience. It's reflective in a sense. You sort of take a break for coffee. And lots of times ideas come to you with that reflection. In troubled times, people might drink more coffee. In the overall scheme of things, there might be a little bit of a downturn but it wouldn't be very significant.

Q: You've been doing business in Vermont since 1981. Has the state been a difficult place for your company to do business?

Stiller: I think it's been a great experience. The Vermont name has added a lot (of value). I think the people we have hired are wonderful. There is a real sense of integrity and a hard work ethic. We haven't had too many problems with the permitting process. We've always felt supported by state government and other agencies within the government. The only issue has been in the banking area where we have had trouble getting the credit lines from local banks. We went down to Boston years ago and have been banking out of the state.●

#### PAYING TRIBUTE TO RON CASS

● Mr. BURNS. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Ron Cass, a man who embraces the idea that one person can truly make a difference. Ron is retiring after 28 years with KXLF-TV as General Manager in Butte, MT. While his job required a keen sense of community, it was his dedication to his family and the city of Butte that I want to recall today.

Ron joined KXLF in 1974 and worked his way up the corporate ladder. He was named President of KXLF Communications, Inc. in 1986 and later added the management of KBZK in Bozeman, MT. Born in Harlowton, Ron started out as a disc jockey but soon chose television as his medium of choice. I believe he chose wisely.

During the past several years, Ron has been instrumental in helping me understand a variety of telecommunication issues. He has given me his ideas freely and helped me to understand not only the growing complexity of the industry but also the need to remember what is important for Montana TV viewers who rely on the medium for their information.

Meanwhile, Ron found himself complaining about the current state of affairs in his hometown of Butte. He realized rather quickly that talking about problems didn't produce results—actions certainly speak louder than words. Ron went into action. He now has a long list of accomplishments and I believe that Butte is a better place today because of his efforts.

Whether as President of the Butte Chamber of Commerce, a member of the United Way Board of Directors, part of the Butte-Silver Bow Law En-

forcement Commission, or even a member of the county's Study Commission, Ron rolled up his sleeves and Butte reaped the benefits. He also made a commitment to the local Exchange Club and the Pachyderms. He even battled Butte's frigid temperatures to help the Salvation Army during their annual bell ringing fundraiser at Christmas time.

Those who know Ron Cass know that his personal participation is not for personal glory or a Butte parade on St. Patrick's Day. Ron's involvement comes from his desire to give back; give back to the very folks who helped him succeed in Montana when he first arrived and decided to raise a family in Butte.

Today, Ron cherishes his family and many friends as he begins his retirement. His children, Barbara, Lura, and Dan—and his grandchildren, Timothy, Sean, Alex, Andrew, and Jake—and of course, his fiancé, Nancy all agree that "Poppa" is a true role model.

About the same time he decided to contribute his talent, energy, and strength to Butte, his grandson, Alex, was born with Down Syndrome. From that day on, Ron made it his mission to support and encourage Alex in all that he would choose to do. That has included his grandson's efforts in Special Olympics and the joys of mainstreamed education.

Ron Cass's unselfish actions throughout his CBS Television Network career transcend the airwaves. His actions are shown today in the quality of his family's lives and the many friends who will gather and honor him before or after his last "working" day.

I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank Ron for all he has done to benefit the City of Butte, and the State of Montana. I want to wish him well in his retirement. While I am certain he will be spending plenty of time within the community he holds so close to his heart, I'm also certain that he'll be enjoying the Treasure State on the back of his motorcycle with the wind in his hair.●

#### MEASURE REFERRED

The following bill, previously received from the House of Representatives for concurrence, was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 3282. An act to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 400 North Main Street in Butte, Montana, as the "Mike Mansfield Federal Building and United States Courthouse"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

#### ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, December 14, 2001, she

had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bills:

S. 494. An act to provide for a transition to democracy and to promote economic recovery in Zimbabwe.

S. 1196. An act to amend the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, and for other purposes.

S.J. Res. 26. A joint resolution providing for the appoint of Patricia Q. Stonesifer as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. BIDEN, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with an amendment:

S. 1779: A bill to authorize the establishment of "Radio Free Afghanistan", and for other purposes. (Rept. No. 107-125).

By Mr. BAUCUS, from the Committee on Finance, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

H.R. 3009: A bill to extend the Andean Trade Preference Act, to grant additional trade benefits under that Act, and for other purposes. (Rept. No. 107-126).

By Mr. BIDEN, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and with an amendment preamble:

H. Con. Res. 211: A concurrent resolution commending Daw Aung San Suu Kyi on the 10th anniversary of her receiving the Nobel Peace Prize and expressing the sense of the Congress with respect to the Government of Burma.

#### EXECUTIVE REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The following executive report of committee was submitted:

By Mr. BIDEN, from the Committee on Foreign Relations:

Treaty Doc. 106-22—Treaty with Russia on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters (Exec. Rept. No. 107-3)

#### TEXT OF THE COMMITTEE-RECOMMENDED RESOLUTION OF ADVICE AND CONSENT

#### SECTION 1. ADVICE AND CONSENT TO RATIFICATION OF THE TREATY WITH THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION ON MUTUAL LEGAL ASSISTANCE IN CRIMINAL MATTERS, SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS.

The Senate advises and consents to the ratification of the Treaty Between the United States of America and the Russian Federation on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters, signed at Washington on June 17, 1999 (Treaty Doc. 106 22; in this resolution referred to as the "Treaty"), subject to the conditions in section 2.

#### SEC. 2. CONDITIONS.

The advice and consent of the Senate under section 1 is subject to the following conditions:

(1) TREATY INTERPRETATION.—The Senate reaffirms condition (8) of the resolution of ratification of the Document Agreed Among the States Parties to the Treaty on Conventional Armed Forces in Europe (CFE) of November 19, 1990 (adopted at Vienna on May 31 1996), approved by the Senate on May 14, 1997 (relating to condition (1) of the resolution of ratification of the INF Treaty, approved by the Senate on May 27, 1988).

(2) LIMITATION ON ASSISTANCE.—Pursuant to the right of the United States under the